

(ii) TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ADDRESSING GAPS IN COVERAGE.—The Commission shall establish transparency and accountability requirements for amounts made available for the purpose set forth in subparagraph (A)(i) that, at a minimum—

(I) provide—

(aa) a process for challenging any initial determination by the Commission regarding whether an area is served or unserved; and

(bb) written public notice on the website of the Commission of—

(AA) how each challenge under item (aa) was decided; and

(BB) the reasons of the Commission for each decision;

(II) establish broadband service buildout milestones and require periodic certification by funding recipients to ensure compliance with the broadband service buildout milestones;

(III) establish a maximum buildout timeframe of 4 years beginning on the date on which funding is provided to a funding recipient;

(IV) establish periodic reporting requirements for funding recipients that identify, at a minimum, the speed of, and technology used for, the service provided in each area where funding is provided;

(V) establish standard penalties for non-compliance with the requirements established under this clause and as may be further prescribed by the Commission;

(VI) establish procedures for recovery of funds, in whole or in part, from funding recipients in the event of default or non-compliance with the requirements established under this clause and as may be further prescribed by the Commission; and

(VII) require a funding recipient to—

(aa) offer voice service and broadband internet access service; and

(bb) permit a consumer to subscribe to one type of service described in item (aa) or both types.

(iii) TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ADDRESSING SHORTFALLS IN FUNDING.—The Commission shall establish transparency and accountability requirements for amounts made available for the purpose set forth in subparagraph (A)(ii) that, at a minimum—

(I) establish periodic reporting and certification requirements for funding recipients to ensure that the funding results in the offering of voice service and broadband internet access service at reasonably comparable rates and performance levels;

(II) establish standard penalties for non-compliance with the requirements established under this clause and as may be further prescribed by the Commission;

(III) establish procedures for recovery of funds, in whole or in part, from funding recipients in the event of default or non-compliance with the requirements established under this clause and as may be further prescribed by the Commission; and

(IV) require a funding recipient to—

(aa) offer voice service and broadband internet access service; and

(bb) permit a consumer to subscribe to one type of service described in item (aa) or both types.

(6) REPORTS.—

(A) ANNUAL AUCTION PROCEEDS DEPLOYMENT REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than annually thereafter until all amounts have been distributed, the Commission shall publish and submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the distribution of amounts made available under paragraph (4).

(B) AUCTION-SPECIFIC DEPOSIT REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Commission announces the results of an auction described in subparagraph (H)(1) of section 309(j)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)), as added by subsection (b), the Commission shall publish and submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that estimates the amount of net proceeds that will be deposited in the Rural Broadband Assessment and Deployment Fund under that subparagraph as a result of that auction.

(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Rural Broadband Assessment and Deployment Fund \$42,450,000,000.

**SA 2217.** Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 1287, strike line 22 and all that follows through page 1288, line 3, and insert the following:

“(A) \$13,434,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

“(B) \$13,719,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

“(C) \$14,079,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

“(D) \$14,374,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

“(E) \$14,742,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.

On page 1289, strike lines 3 through 11 and insert the following:

“(D) \$450,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, \$463,500,000 for fiscal year 2023, \$477,405,000 for fiscal year 2024, \$491,727,150 for fiscal year 2025, and \$506,478,965 for fiscal year 2026 shall be available to provide financial assistance for services for the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities under section 5310;

On page 1317, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

**SEC. 30 . . . ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

(a) ONE-STOP PARATRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a one-stop paratransit pilot program.

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the pilot program under this subsection is to develop or expand paratransit programs carried out pursuant to the ADA to provide for 1 stop of at least 15 minutes outside of the vehicle during a paratransit trip to prevent long wait times between multiple trips that unduly limit an individual's ability to complete essential tasks.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An entity eligible to participate in the pilot program is a transit agency that agrees to track and share information as the Secretary requires, including—

(i) number of ADA paratransit trips conducted each year;

(ii) requested time of each paratransit trip;

(iii) scheduled time of each paratransit trip;

(iv) actual pickup time for each paratransit trip;

(v) average length of a stop in the middle of a ride as allowed by this section;

(vi) any complaints received by a paratransit rider;

(vii) rider satisfaction with paratransit services; and

(viii) after the completion of the pilot program, an assessment by the eligible entity of its capacity to continue a one-stop program independently.

(B) PREFERENCE.—The Secretary shall give preference to entities that—

(i) have comparable data for the year prior to implementation of the pilot program that can be used by the Secretary and other organizations, such as nonprofit organizations and advocacy organizations, for research purposes; and

(ii) plan to use agency personnel to implement the pilot program.

(4) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to participate in the pilot program, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including information on—

(A) locations the eligible entity intends to allow a stop at, if stops are limited, including—

(i) childcare or education facilities;

(ii) pharmacies;

(iii) grocery stores; and

(iv) bank or ATM locations;

(B) methodology for informing the public of the pilot program;

(C) vehicles, personnel, and other resources that will be used to implement the pilot program; and

(D) if the applicant does not intend the pilot program to apply to the full area under the jurisdiction of the applicant, a description of the geographic area in which the applicant intends the pilot program to apply.

(5) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall seek to achieve diversity of participants in the pilot program by selecting a range of eligible entities that includes at least 5 of each of the following:

(A) An eligible entity that serves an area with a population of 200,000 people or fewer.

(B) An eligible entity that serves an area with a population of over 200,000 people.

(C) An eligible entity that provides transportation for rural communities.

(6) REPORT.—Not later than 3 months after the conclusion of the first 15 pilot projects carried out under this subsection, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the program, including the feasibility of developing and implementing one-stop programs for all ADA paratransit services.

(7) FUNDING.—

(A) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the total cost of a project carried out under this subsection may not exceed 80 percent.

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

(b) PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, pursuant to section 502(b)(3) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 792(b)(3)), shall publish final accessibility guidelines setting forth minimum standards for pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way, including shared use paths.

(2) ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the establishment of the guidelines pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall issue such regulations as are necessary to adopt such guidelines.

(c) REPORTING ACCESSIBILITY COMPLAINTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure that an individual who believes that he

or she or a specific class of individuals has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability by a public entity may, by himself or herself or by an authorized representative, easily file a complaint with the Department. Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall implement procedures that allow an individual to submit a complaint described in the previous sentence by phone, by mail-in form, and online through the website of the Office of Civil Rights of the Federal Transit Administration.

(2) NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall require that each public transit provider and contractor providing paratransit services shall include on a publicly available website of the service provider, any related mobile device application, and online service—

(A) the telephone number, or a comparable electronic means of communication, for the disability assistance hotline of the Office of Civil Rights of the Federal Transit Administration;

(B) notice that a consumer can file a disability-related complaint with the Office of Civil Rights of the Federal Transit Administration;

(C) an active link to the website of the Office of Civil Rights of the Federal Transit Administration for an individual to file a disability-related complaint; and

(D) notice that an individual can file a disability-related complaint with the local transit agency and the process and any timelines for filing such a complaint.

(3) INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS.—Not later than 60 days after the last day of each fiscal year the Secretary shall publish a report that lists the disposition of complaints described in paragraph (1), including—

(A) the number and type of complaints filed with Department;

(B) the number of complaints investigated by the Department;

(C) the result of the complaints that were investigated by the Department including whether the complaint was resolved—

(i) informally;

(ii) by issuing a violation through a non-compliance Letter of Findings; or

(iii) by other means, which shall be described in detail; and

(D) if a violation was issued for a complaint, whether the Department resolved the noncompliance by—

(i) reaching a voluntary compliance agreement with the entity;

(ii) referring the matter to the Attorney General; or

(iii) by other means, which shall be described in detail.

(4) REPORT.—Upon implementation of this subsection, the Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, issue a report composed of the information collected under this subsection for the preceding 5 years.

(d) ACCESSIBILITY DATA PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish an accessibility data pilot program.

(2) PURPOSE.—In carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary shall develop or procure an accessibility data set and make that data set available to each eligible entity selected to participate in the pilot program to improve the transportation planning of such eligible entities by—

(A) measuring the level of access by multiple transportation modes, including transportation network companies, to important destinations, which may include—

(i) jobs, including areas with a concentration of available jobs;

(ii) health care facilities;

(iii) child care services;

(iv) educational and workforce training facilities;

(v) affordable housing;

(vi) food sources; and

(vii) connections between modes, including connections to—

(I) high-quality transit or rail service;

(II) safe bicycling corridors; and

(III) safe sidewalks that achieve compliance with applicable requirements of the ADA;

(B) disaggregating the level of access by multiple transportation modes by a variety of population categories, which shall include—

(i) low-income populations;

(ii) minority populations;

(iii) age;

(iv) disability such as sensory, cognitive, and physical, including wheelchair users; and

(v) geographical location; and

(C) assessing the change in accessibility that would result from new transportation investments.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An entity eligible to participate in the pilot program is—

(A) a State;

(B) a metropolitan planning organization; or

(C) a rural transportation planning organization.

(4) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to participate in the pilot program, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including information relating to—

(A) previous experience of the eligible entity measuring transportation access or other performance management experience;

(B) the types of important destinations to which the eligible entity intends to measure access;

(C) the types of data disaggregation the eligible entity intends to pursue;

(D) a general description of the methodology the eligible entity intends to apply; and

(E) if the applicant does not intend the pilot program to apply to the full area under the jurisdiction of the applicant, a description of the geographic area in which the applicant intends the pilot program to apply.

(5) SELECTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall seek to achieve diversity of participants in the pilot program by selecting a range of eligible entities that shall include—

(i) States;

(ii) metropolitan planning organizations that serve an area with a population of 200,000 people or fewer;

(iii) metropolitan planning organizations that serve an area with a population of over 200,000 people; and

(iv) rural transportation planning organizations.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The Secretary shall seek to ensure that, among the eligible entities selected under subparagraph (A) program participants represent—

(i) a range of capacity and previous experience with measuring transportation access; and

(ii) a variety of proposed methodologies and focus areas for measuring level of access.

(6) DUTIES.—For each eligible entity participating in the pilot program, the Secretary shall—

(A) develop or acquire an accessibility data set described in paragraph (2); and

(B) submit the data set to the eligible entity.

(7) METHODOLOGY.—In calculating the measures for the data set under the pilot

program, the Secretary shall ensure that methodology is open source.

(8) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make an accessibility data set under the pilot program available to—

(A) units of local government within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity participating in the pilot program; and

(B) researchers.

(9) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the last date on which the Secretary submits data sets to the eligible entity under paragraph (6), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the program, including the feasibility of developing and providing periodic accessibility data sets for all States, regions, and localities.

(10) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program using amounts made available to the Secretary for administrative expenses to carry out programs under the authority of the Secretary.

(11) SUNSET.—The pilot program shall terminate on the date that is 8 years after the date on which the pilot program is implemented.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADA.—The term “ADA” means the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Transportation.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

(4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(5) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY.—The term “transportation network company”—

(A) means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity, that uses an online-enabled application or digital network to connect riders to drivers affiliated with the entity in order for the driver to transport the rider using a vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise authorized for use by the driver to a point chosen by the rider; and

(B) does not include a shared-expense carpool or vanpool arrangement that is not intended to generate profit for the driver.

**SA 2218.** Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_ DISCLOSURE BY PROFESSIONAL PERSONS SEEKING APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION UNDER SECTION 316 OR 317 OF PROMESA.**

(a) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In a voluntary case commenced under section 304 of PROMESA (48 U.S.C. 2164), no attorney, accountant, appraiser, auctioneer, agent, consultant, or other professional person may be compensated under section 316 or 317 of that Act (48 U.S.C. 2176, 2177) unless prior to making a request for compensation, the professional person has submitted a verified statement conforming to the disclosure requirements of rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure setting forth the connection of the professional person with—